LOGNOTE -- Chief, Operations Group, 6 June 1985

3. (Williams) During our visit in London last week [   ]   STAT
    demonstrated for D/FBIS and me the Wang-Telecutter system in
    operation in the PMU. Use of this system has proven to be a major
    time saver both for PMU and the Communications Section. It also
    has greatly simplified some of the PMU tasks and has assisted in
    speeding or eliminating much manual processing for repetitive
    tasks (as with the Soviet party slogans for the May Day
    celebrations, see bureau's April Monthly Report) and is cutting
    heavily into the teletype load.

    Bill now wants to move ahead to complete the system, equipping the
    entire PMU with Wang terminals and with additional telecutters.
    D/FBIS agreed to London's finishing this project if the money need
    not be taken from modernization funds. Bill believes that the
    bureau may be able to pay for all or most of the remainder of the
    system. He will draft a proposal, with costs estimates, which he
    will send in or hold for Baker to forward.

    In line with this project, [   ] noted that the teletypists   STAT
    already were noting a drop-off in work load and that more will
    follow when the Wang system is completed. He would like to give
    some indication to the teletypists that they were not going to be
    made redundant by automation, and proposed some selective training
    in basic computer languages, programming and equipment maintenance.
    I approved this idea but added that if it became necessary in time
    to drop a few teletypists he should consider converting their
    positions into PMU translator positions.

    (cc: D/FBIS, AC/DRD, C/SDS)
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